

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0028] beginning at page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] Primers for gene *XC1950* amplification:

Up stream primer: XC1950-F: GG*GGATCC* TTTCAGCGGTGATACCGG (SEQ ID NO:3)

Down stream primer: XC1950-R: GG*AAGCTT* TCGGCGGCCGCTCCCGC (SEQ ID NO:4)